

Historic as snow is successfully removed along the N2 (R56) between Port Shepstone and Kokstad to the Eastern Cape | Duma hails Grade Operators and a highly efficient team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate

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N2 between Port Shepstone and Kokstad to the Eastern Cape: We wish to salute our Grade Operators who worked together with our highly efficient team from the Road Traffic Inspectorate to ensure the free traffic flow.

This morning we set ourselves a target to remove the snow that blanketed the N2 (R56) along the route from Port Shepstone, Kokstad and Eastern Cape.

Importantly, I gave the team from the Pietermaritzburg Region a mandate to remove the snow before it could accumulate to above 30 cm. They have done exactly that and in record time.

This is a historic achievement that inspires us to do more for the people of KwaZulu-Natal.

Following a report from SA Weather Services, we made a decision to implement our Snowfall Response Measures.

We have used the experience we acquired during last year's snowfall that was triggered by the cut-off low-pressure system.

Lastly, it is unfortunate that there are motorists, trucks, and luxury buses that have been stuck along the N2 since 2am.

We continue to plead with members of the public to heed the warning from the SA Weather Service.

If you are asked to delay your trips, please do so in order to save your life. Prevention is better than cure.

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